to have expansion plans in the near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the approximate date of commencement and completion of the schemes under these plans?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited has proposed expansion plan under both refining and marketing sectors. Some of the major schemes are: (1) Setting up a grass root refinery in Central India as a joint venture; (2) Additional Benzene Capacity at Bombay Refinery; (3) Manufacture of MTBE; (4) Laying of Bombay-Manmad Product Pipeline; (5) LPG Bottling Plants, new Depots/Installation| Tank Wagon Siding; Import facility at Nhawa Shiva; Lubc Blending Plant at Asooli/Madras; Foreshore Terminal at Kandla etc. The commencement and completion schedules of these projects will be finalised as and when these are approved.

**Ban on sale of sugarcane juice**

*117. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the M.C.D. had recently banned the sale of sugarcane juice in the Municipal Corporation areas of Delhi for three months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the M.C.D. has issued a prohibitory order keeping in view the ensuing monsoon and the possible outbreak of dangerous diseases such as cholera and gastro-enteritis;

(c) if so, the preventive steps, if any, taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) what are the reasons for which the N.D.M.C. is not taking similar steps in its areas?

THE MINISTER HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following measures to control water borne diseases are being taken with particular emphasis in J. J. Cluster/re-settlement colonies:

1. Provision of safe drinking water in adequate quantity in all vulnerable areas.

2. Dissemination of appropriate health education through various channels.

3. Surveillance and continuous monitoring of water borne diseases.

4. Regular removal of garbage and desilting of drains.

5. Distribution of chlorine tablets and O.R.S. packets.

6. Ban on sale of exposed/cut fruits and other unhygenic food items.

A committee has since been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Health) to periodically assess the position and to evaluate and monitor the progress of remedial action taken.

(d) New Delhi Municipal Committee is also taking similar steps like MCD in its respective areas.

**दिल्ली परिवहन निगम (डी०टी०सी०) के अधीन बसें**

*118 **श्री शकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में दिल्ली परिवहन निगम (डी०टी०सी०) के अधीन सरकारी तथा गैर-सरकारी दोनों प्रकार की कितनी-कितनी बसें हैं;

(ख) क्या यात्रियों की बढ़ती हुई संख्या को ध्यान में रखते हुए बसों की संख्या में वृद्धि करने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

**जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर)** : (क) ब्यौरे इस प्रकार हैं :–

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(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

**Steps to deal with communal tension**

*119. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that communal tensions followed by the Violent clashes ending in mass scale deaths are periodical occurrences in certain places of the country such as Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Meerut, Bhagalpur, etc.;

(b) what concrete effective precautionary steps are on the anvial to arrest such situations;

(c) whether there is any special task force under reserve to deal with such situations; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (d) There have been instances of communal clashes in the past in certain places such as Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Meerut, Bhagalpur, etc. Maintenance of public order being a State subject, suitable steps are to be taken by the State Governments for preventing and controlling such situations. All possible assistance in terms of arms, equipment, para-military forces etc. is made available by the Government of India for this purpose. Detailed and comprehensive guidelines have also been issued to the State Governments from time to time to promote communal harmony.

Rapid Action Force is being set up to deal with communal riots and riot-like situation by converting 10 Bns. of Central Reserve Police Force into Rapid Action Force.

**Suicides in Pondicherry**

*120. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Territory of Pondicherry has registered the highest annual suicide rate in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any survey to find out the reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The annual suicide rate in Pondicherry during the last 3 years has been as follows:

| Year | Suicides per lakh of population |
|---|---|
| 1988 | 56.3 |
| 1989 | 63.2 |
| 1990 | 64.5 |

(c) and (d) Government of Pondicherry has decided to engage a team of experts from Osmania University